Threat of terrorists

†*616. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that threat of terrorists attacks on ports, ship building factories and related institutions in the country has been received;

(b) whether Government have constituted a high level Committee to inspect security preparations;

(c) if so, by when the report of the Committee would be received; and

(d) by when the steps regarding the security would be taken?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (d) All major ports are ISPS (International Ship and Port Security) Code compliant and have erected suitable security measures keeping in view the level of the perceived threats. Anonymous letters containing threats of terrorist strike on passenger ships and foreign vessels, etc. have been received by some of the ports. The Ministry of Shipping, Road Transport and Highways has constituted a committee on 1.5.2007 under Chairmanship of Chairman, Cochin Port Trust to review the security aspects of all Major Ports and Shipyards under the control of Department of Shipping and recommend further steps to be taken to enhance the security arrangements. The Committee will submit the report within 30 days.

Software Technology Parks

617. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the export growth of Software Technology Parks of India Units have been decreasing during the last three years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore; and

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